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* 1143 *Q.*—Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent by the Government on the Orathanad Cattle Farm by way of initial investment and recurring expenditure from the beginning till November 1954; and

(*b*) whether the Government are going to introduce pedigree bulls or artificial insemination method?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The figures are—

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(1) Initial investment	19,475
(2) Recurring expenditure	25,663

" (*b*) Pedigree stud bulls will be maintained in the farm primarily to improve the local Umbalacheri breed and also to produce seed bulls of other breeds. There is no proposal at present to introduce artificial insemination work in this farm."

* 1144 *Q.*—Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to station some of the Kangayam cows from Hosur Government Cattle Farm in Orathanad Cattle Farm?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no such proposal at present."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஆரம்பச்செலவிற்காக செலவழிக்கப்பட்ட 19,000 ரூபாயில், 'காண்டிராக்ட்' மூலமாக ஏதாவது செலவு செய்யப்பட்டதா ? அல்லது நிர்வாகமே நேரடியாகச் செலவு செய்தார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதைப்பற்றி விவரமான பதில் கொடுப்பதற்கு நோட்டீஸ் வேண்டும். எனக்குத் தெரிந்த வரையில் காண்டிராக்ட் மூலம் அதிகமாகப் பணம் செலவழிக்கப்படவில்லை."

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Since artificial insemination method is very useful in the production of seed bulls required for the ryots, what is the difficulty for the Government in introducing it in the Orathanad Cattle Farm? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is only a question of financial difficulty."

Sri S. RAMASAMY NAIDU :—" May I know, Sir, the particular features of the Umbalachery breed of cattle? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I think, Sir, I gave that information some time ago in this House. But now I would like to have notice."

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" May I know how many cattle are there at present and what are the different breeds? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

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Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Sindhi and Murrah kinds of cattle are able to acclimatise themselves to the conditions in the South? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Hon. Members will remember what I stated some time ago in this House in this connexion, namely, that our Sindhi breed is the best in the whole of India."

Elementary Education Committee

* 1145 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Elementary Education Committee appointed by the Government has submitted its report?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Investments of religious institutions

* 1146 *Q.*—Sri K. KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any orders have been issued to any of the co-operative urban banks in the State, particularly in the South Malabar district, asking them not to accept fixed deposits from the Executive Officers or trustees of temples and devaswoms under the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments; and

(*b*) if so, the nature and the necessity for such orders?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has instructed all his Deputy Registrars to see that the investments of religious institutions up to Rs. 1,000 are made in the current deposits of such of the Co-operative Urban Banks as maintain fluid resources and that investments in fixed deposits are made in the Co-operative Central Banks.

" (*b*) The instructions issued by the Registrar are only administrative directives intended to conserve the resources available in a district for the Central Co-operative Bank in that area."

Sri K. KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether any instructions were issued to the officers of the Religious Endowment Department asking them not to deposit such amounts in the bank and may I know whether the department officials refused to implement such instruction and, therefore, the Department of Co-operation had to take up the matter and issue such instructions to the urban banks? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Many of the urban banks are having surplus deposits and the Central Bank in a district requires finance because it has to finance all the societies. They should raise substantial funds by way of deposits and it is for this purpose that this instruction has been given to the Deputy Registrars."